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SUBJECT: IRAQ ELECTIONS: IRELAND LOOKS TO THE EU FOR A STATEMENT

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[1](#)1. (C) Further to reftels, Embassy Dublin is lobbying the GOI aggressively to issue a statement in support of Iraq elections. The Ambassador raised it with the Prime Minister's office and with parliamentarians in the two government parties. The DCM and POL/ECON chief have raised it at senior levels of the DFA; the PAO is discussing with government spokespersons; POL/ECON chief has written to the chairman of the joint foreign affairs committee, providing background information and encouraging a public statement. Media outreach is also in progress, beginning with a January 19 background session among PAO, a POL officer who served recently in Iraq, and a senior correspondent of a leading daily.

[1](#)2. (C) On January 21, Tony Mannix, Director of the DFA's Middle East, Gulf and North Africa office, told DCM and POL/ECON chief that the Irish would look to the EU to issue a statement on behalf of all governments. We urged him to issue an Irish statement as well, and will continue to press the government in the days remaining.  
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